

BEEF TRUST  
GUILTY

Two Indictments Issued Today, but  
Names are Withheld--Grand Jury  
Holds Dep. Manger as Witness

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
CHICAGO, April 13.—Two indictments were returned in the United States grand jury investigating the alleged beef trust this morning and bench warrants were immediately issued by Judge Humphreys for the apprehension of the persons named in the papers. Strict orders were issued by the court to keep the name quiet until the arrests are made. The basis of the indictments is said to be conspiracy and the intimidation of witnesses, although perjury may be the allegation.

HOPES FOR REUNION OF  
IRON BRIGADE IN LA X.

Veteran of Famous Organization Says  
La Crosse Should See Gathering of Survivors

"I am in fond hopes that a reunion of surviving members of the Iron brigade will be held at La Crosse in June, when the state encampment of the G. A. R. is on. A few members of the 'Black Hatters' live in that city, and they are arranging for a reunion of comrades of the civil war. As the old soldiers from all parts of the state and also the neighboring states of Minnesota and Iowa will be present, a meeting of the old boys of '61 who served in the Iron brigade would not be a hard matter to arrange," says Philip Cheek of Baraboo, who is one of the few survivors.

SELECTING FISH STATION SITE

Congressman John J. Esch and Superintendent R. S. Johnson of the United States Fish Commission, have been spending the day looking for a site for the new branch of the government fisheries station which is to be located here.

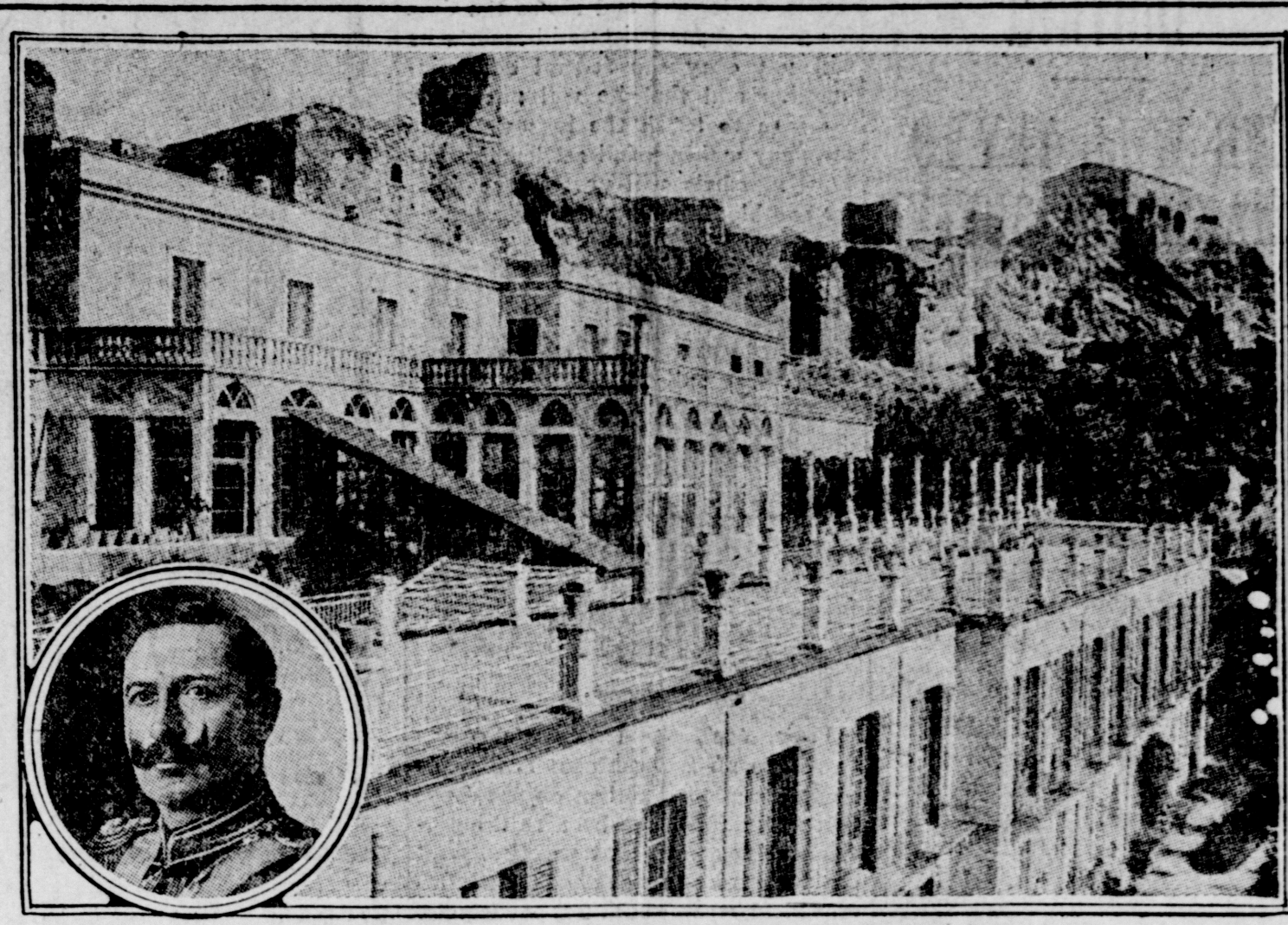
STREET CAR ACCIDENT AVERTED

Car No. 27 of the Street Railway company, while making its regular run south at 12:10 today, narrowly escaped a serious accident.

HUNDREDS DIED IN EARTH-QUAKES  
ILLINOIS GETS AFTER BIG GRAFTERS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
SIMLA, April 13.—Further reports from outlying districts state the recent earthquake caused four hundred deaths in the state of Mandi and many hundreds in the Sultanpur district.

PICTURESQUE SPOT IS SICILY WHERE THE KAISER WILL REST



Kaiser Wilhelm Imperial Residence at Taormina

BICYCLE CRUSHED  
IN EXCITING RUN-AWAY

J. NELSO OF COON VALLEY IN TROUBLE

After driving 18 miles to La Crosse with a load of dressed hogs, and unloading them at the retail market of F. Briebach near Sixth and Main streets, J. Nelso, a Coon Valley farmer, had a runaway today, which might easily have proven very serious.

SENATOR BURTON  
INDICTED ON 5 COUNTS

OFFERED TO PROTECT GRAIN CO.

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
ST. LOUIS, April 13.—The federal grand jury today again indicted United States Senator Burton, of Kansas, on five counts. Three of the five charges are that he made an agreement with the Rialto Grain & Security company, to protect them from the postal investigation, and the other two are that he accepted money for these services.

Jerry Van Wormer is  
Seriously Ill

Jerry L. Van Wormer is at the hospital in a serious condition suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas.



Picturesque Scene in Taormina

ESCH HAS HOPES  
FOR HIS BILL

WILL COME BEFORE SENATE MONDAY

The Esch-Townsend bill of which Congressman John J. Esch of this city is the joint author, will come up before the senate committee on commerce Monday.

WIFE SHOT TRYING  
TO PREVENT A ROBBERY

\$6,000 STOLEN FROM IND. BANK

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
CHURUBUSCO, Ind., April 13.—Six masked burglars early this morning dynamited the safe in Gandy's bank and secured over \$6,000. The family was awakened by the explosion and attempted to prevent the robbery. Mrs. Gandy, wife of the banker, was shot, but her injuries are not fatal.

WANT BIRD OUSTED  
IF FUNDS ARE PROVIDED

COUNCIL'S ULTIMATUM TO BOARD

Editor Tribune:  
At a joint session last night of the ordinance schools and grounds and buildings committee, the following communication as near as I can remember, the wording of the motion was made to the board of education: "To the Board of Education of the City of La Crosse:

OSCAR CARL DEAD

Oscar Carl, a son of the late Gustave Carl, a former La Crosse business man, died this morning at the Lutheran hospital, aged 36, after an illness of several weeks' duration.

SETTLE  
TO LONG FIGHT

No Signs of Peace in Big Chicago Teamsters' Strike

SPREAD OF TROUBLE

Is Feared Upon Refusal of Employers to Arbitrate Question Today

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
CHICAGO, April 13.—What is considered the final conference by both sides in the teamsters' strike, adjourned this morning, having failed to agree upon any plan by which the strike can be arbitrated. The teamsters insisted that the garment workers be considered in any settlement, but the employers refused to arbitrate anything but the teamsters' phase of the dispute.

CAN COMPANY IS  
READY TO BUILD

HAS CHOSEN SITE BUT HESITATES

The La Crosse Can company will begin the erection of its new brick factory building in this city in the course of a few days. All of the plans have been made, contracts let, and material is ordered and is now enroute to La Crosse.

NEW LIGHT CO. LETS  
CONTRACTS FOR BOILERS

The contract for the boilers for the Wisconsin Light & Power company was let today.

SPEED  
ON TO BATTLE

Russian and Japanese Fleets Hurrying Toward Each Other

ROJESTVEN-  
SKY STRONG

Has Largest Fleet, but no Fear is Expressed for Togo

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
HONGKONG, April 13.—The British cruiser Iphigenia telegraphed the naval authorities by wireless that she passed forty-two Russian warships 140 miles south of Saigon. The fleet is headed north. Two Japanese warships passed Cape Rock, Hongkong, Tuesday night going south at full speed.

Encounters Russ Fleet.  
SINGAPORE, April 13.—The steamer Nubia reported this morning that at noon Tuesday she passed a Russian fleet of not less than forty-two vessels at latitude 8 degrees north, longitude 109 degrees east. The fleet was steaming north at a rate of nine knots, presumably bound for Saigon.

Russ Stop to Coal.  
LONDON, April 13.—News is received here that the Russian fleet coaled yesterday off Natuna islands, 125 miles northeast of the Anambas group.

Renewed Fighting Soon.  
GUNSHULING, Manchuria, April 13.—The Japanese have occupied Tsiliuchun, northwest of Schuarmiaodzy. Better weather prevails and a renewal of the fighting is expected shortly.

CANNON CRACKERS  
A THING OF THE PAST

EATON MAY BE IMPEACHED, TIS SAID

BY ROBT. E. KNOFF.  
(Tribune Special Dispatch.)  
MADISON, Wis., April 13.—The senate finally passed the anti-fire-cracker bill limiting the size to 5 inches long and 5/8 of an inch in diameter, and advanced the assembly judiciary committee bill cutting down the wage exemption from garnishment from \$60 to \$30.



## THIS PAGE IS DEVOTED TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NORTH SIDE

WORK BEGINS ON  
NEW LIGHTING  
PLANTNORTH SIDE IS A  
SCENE OF ACTIVITY

Work of excavating for the new Wisconsin Light & Power plant was started this morning.

Several men were put to work there excavating for the catch basins which will be put in just outside of the foundation proper and on the north-west corner towards the river.

Teams were taken there at noon and started to scrape off the top of the grounds so that the work of excavating for the concrete foundation for the plant can be done.

Peter Fischbach, section foreman on the Milwaukee road, has strung a line of steel along the old tracks and a side track which will be used to haul the coal to the plant will be installed.

A large scale will also be installed at the Northeast corner of the plant for weighing the coal.

People who thought some time ago that the erection of a new lighting plant on the north side was a dream will soon see the project materialized and it will only be a matter of a few months when the plant will be in operation on the north side.

State News  
Condensed

Washington—It is said that Senator Spooner has promised to get a place in the diplomatic service for Amos P. Wilder of the Madison Journal.

Appleton—The water in Fox river is higher than it has been at any time in five years.

Madison—Mrs. Katherine Keeley of Madison has decided to build a costly residence at Los Angeles.

Depere—St. Francis' church was broken into Monday night, but the burglars were unable to get at the church vessels. The sacristy was ransacked but nothing of value taken.

Racine—The latest step in the conflict of the Wisconsin Telephone company and the Citizens company at Racine is the issuance of a circular by the Citizens company appealing to subscribers to continue the service.

Marquette—August Arndt of Marquette and Suel Sargeant of Marquette, Wis., were arrested and each fined \$20 and costs for shooting ducks on Sunday, the day before the open season. About fifty boys will help pay the fines.

Wautoma—The livery barn of Baxter & Kent was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$1,800. The Northwest depot, the lumber yard of T. S. Chittenden & Co., a hotel, and several large potato warehouses narrowly escaped.

Racine—Harry Mite, a Racine boy, was taken violently sick in court here during the hearing of a suit for damages brought by his father against the owner of a dog which bit the lad. The sickness, it was alleged, was due to the bite.

Kenosha—The Wisconsin Telephone company has begun the purchase of land for a new line between Kenosha and the village of Pleasant Prairie to follow the line of the Geneva road. The company is buying the line at the rate of \$80 a mile.

Contest Election of  
Socialist

RACINE, Wis., April 13.—The election of L. P. Christenson, social democratic candidate for alderman of the Fifth ward, is to be contested because, it is said, he failed to file nomination papers previous to the primary election, as required by law.

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## NORTH SIDE BRIEFS

Fred West has finished moving the Botz residence to the 1600 block on Wood street and is now moving the house at No. 1543 Caledonia street to the 2000 block on George street where Mr. Kahler who has purchased it will remodel it into an up-to-date residence.

North Side Office Tribune, 532 Mill street, in E. Singer's jewelry store. Call and see "Our Island and Their People." Only a few sets left.

Louis Johnson has moved from Wall street to the corner of Caledonia and Logan streets.

Borge Borresen leave today for Chamberlain, South Dakota.

See the Bijou vaudeville show tonight.

A large number of north side people heard Mr. Stormoen speak at the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening.

The employees of the north side bottling works have been laying off for the past two days and have been painting the interior of their plant.

Walter Allen of Rochester has been in the city for the past few days visiting relatives and friends.

If you want to read a newspaper that can be depended upon—The La Crosse Tribune is the paper you want to subscribe to.

The La Crosse Progressive Poultry association held their regular bi-monthly meeting last evening in their hall on Mill street. A large number were present and the membership is continually increasing.

Chinn McDonald of Bruce, Wis., is in the city the guest of relatives and friends for a few days.

If you live in North La Crosse, and miss your paper, telephone Tribune north side office at once. Old phone.

W. A. Crouch, deputy supreme chief ranger for the Independent Order of Foresters, from Detroit, Mich., was on the north side in the interests of the order. The high court meeting of the state will be held here the 7th of June.

STRENGTHEN WALLS  
OF THE POLICE  
STATION

A couple of men are busy repairing the brick wall in the No. 4 police station.

The weather has worn the mortar between the bricks and if anyone who happened to be confined in the station had happened to know about the weakness of the wall he would only have had to give it a little push to get out.

HAND CUT IN  
CLOTH SAW

Charles Yehle of Avon street, a cutter at the La Crosse Rubber mills, met with a very painful accident yesterday morning while engaged in cutting some cloth. A piece of cloth became caught in the band saw and jerked his hand over, cutting off the top of the thumb knuckle of his right hand.

He went to the office of Dr. F. C. Suiter who dressed the injured member and he is now getting along nicely.

It is not known whether the thumb will be stiff as a result of the accident.

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BERRY TO PAY THE  
PENALTY FOR  
DRIVINGCLUB WILL TRY TO  
MAKE HIM SUFFER

C. H. Berry, the humane officer, will be tried this evening in the large Fjelstad hall for fast driving and cruelty to animals.

A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed and the trial will no doubt bring to light some very interesting events.

The trial was to have held about three weeks ago but the prisoner escaped to Minnesota and so had to be postponed.

The necessary extradition papers have now been secured however and the prisoner will be sentenced tonight.

District Attorney Otto Bosshard will prosecute. P. W. Mahoney was to defend the prisoner but at the last meeting of the club said that he would no doubt have business which would prevent him from being present so the prisoner has secured A. E. Bleckman, Jr., to defend him.

At all events the trial is to take place tonight and a large audience will no doubt be present to hear the judge pronounce sentence.

HOWARD BISHOP  
SUES TO ANNUL  
MARRIAGE

APPLETON, Wis., April 13.—When seen at his home in this city this morning Arthur Bishop, father of Howard Bishop, the young Northwestern railway brakeman now in a Milwaukee hospital and who intimates hypnosis in connection with his recent marriage in Chicago said:

"As far as I know the account may be true. I knew nothing of the marriage until yesterday when I saw Howard's conductor, and asked where my son is. He told me he was sick and in a hospital at Milwaukee. He also mentioned the fact that it is reported he had been married. I immediately called up his nurse and inquired as to his condition. I simply talked a minute and found out that he was better. I did not ask about the marriage.

"Howard was home two weeks ago and mentioned the name of a young lady who was boarding at the same place he was, but did not even intimate that they were engaged. I presume they are married and that settles it. It would appear, however, however, that it was a case of a woman who had a strong will poor desiring to get married and that she had succeeded.

"If he was led into the marriage against his will I can not account for it, as he was always careful in a business way and used good judgment and I believe he would do the same in a marriage affair."

**Sues to Annul Marriage.**

Attorney Francis X. Boden has announced that suit would be begun at once to annul the marriage of Howard J. Bishop and Miss Mabel Combes, who secretly were married in Chicago Wednesday of last week, while Bishop charges, he was under a hypnotic spell. Bishop is still at the Trinity hospital where Drs. J. E. Boden and W. F. Weggs are attending him. He was nervous yesterday, but his mind seemed somewhat clearer, though he can not yet recall, it is said, all that happened in Chicago. The physicians still refuse to make a statement about the case.

**Will Begin Suit, Says Boden.**

Francis X. Boden of the law firm of Boden & Beischer, yesterday said that Howard Bishop called at the office with his brother on Monday afternoon and told a story substantially the same as published Tuesday.

"Howard still appeared dazed," said Mr. Boden. "He wanted us to bring an action to have the marriage annulled. He could not remember much of what happened at Chicago. He seemed to think a ceremony had been performed, but he had an indistinct recollection of what had occurred.

"Harvey Bishop went to Chicago to investigate the matter and learned that a ceremony had taken place at the People's church. I do not recall the name of the minister who performed the ceremony. He seemed to believe that undue influence had been used and instructed us to bring an action to have the wedding annulled. We will draw up papers alleging fraud and undue influence. We were informed that Mrs. Bishop was interested in occult science and that

she was fond of books dealing with such subjects."

## DIETZ STILL OBSTINATE

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., April 13.—The crew of the Mississippi River Logging company began to drive on Thornapple river below the Cameron dam which John Dietz is holding. No attempt will be made to touch the logs at and above the dam for a few days. Dietz still asserts he will not obey the federal court injunction and that he will not allow the men to touch the logs until the company makes a full settlement. Federal marshals will protect the drivers and bloodshed seems imminent.

FRANCE NOT TROU-  
BLED OVER GER-  
MANY

Paris, April 13.—Germany's efforts to secure an international conference on the Morocco question do not cause further apprehension here, as the government is aware that practically all the powers having any political interests in Morocco would not participate. This applies to France, Great Britain, Spain, Italy and Russia, and the other European powers have little or no interest in Morocco. Consequently Germany would be practically alone in favoring or participating in an international gathering. It is assumed that the neutral attitude of the United States will probably lead her to withhold participation if all the interested parties except Germany declined to take part in the proposed conference. The French authorities, therefore, do not attach further serious importance to the international conference movement, being convinced that it is doomed to failure.

Official dispatches received from Tangier confirm the reports that Count von Tattenbach-Ashold, former German minister to Morocco, has called on the members of the diplomatic corps and informed them that he has been appointed temporary charge d'affaires pending the arrival of the German minister, Dr. Rosen.

JACOBSEN  
LEFT CLUE

RACINE, Wis., April 13.—The disappearance of John Jacobsen, the jeweler, was partly solved last night when a boy brought several note books to the police office which he had found in a light overcoat on the St. Paul railway tracks between Ninth and Tenth streets. The chief of police has ascertained that on Sunday evening Jacobsen bought a ticket at the Racine Junction depot for Chicago, and left on the 7:45 train on the Northwestern road.

The note books found in the overcoat were recognized by Mrs. Jacobsen as belonging to her husband. Just why the coat was thrown away is not quite clear unless it was to make it appear that suicide was contemplated. The river was dragged and unoccupied buildings were searched today. In the jewelry store where Jacobsen was employed for seventeen years, his affairs were found to be all right.

HEDGING ON  
RATE BILL

MADISON, Wis., April 13.—The senate committee on railroads is still wrestling with the problem of formulating a commission measure that will be satisfactory to all the members of the upper branch whose votes are necessary to passage. The bill has been drawn and re-drawn several times and is still in such shape that it can not be introduced for the consideration of the senate. The great desideratum on the part of the leading administration members is to come to an agreement on a measure that will be effective, that will fulfill what they believe to be the demands of the people as expressed in the platform which have been given approval at the polls, and to so frame the bill that it will be approved by a sufficient number of senators. There prevails here the impression that the administration is exceedingly desirous of passing a rate commission bill at this season, and there is to be found no warrant for the recent rumor to the effect that the senate committee would offer a measure for the final vote which could not be passed, so as to give Governor La Follette an excuse for declining to go to the senate and to remain to lead another gubernatorial fight in this state. In fact, so much evidence is abroad to show that the administration wants a bill passed and wants it much, that it gives some color to current remarks that Governor La Follette and some friends are fearful that there is danger of defeating the rate commission bill in the senate and will be practically obliged, in accordance with his qualified acceptance, to



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hand the senatorial toga back to the legislature.

Attempt to Murder  
Neenah Farmer

NEENAH, Wis., April 13.—An attempt was made last night to assassinate Frank Edwards, a young farmer. Edwards was found in the bottom of his carriage unconscious from the loss of blood from a bullet hole in his right shoulder and a similar wound in the arm. No weapon has been found, and the only clew the police have is furnished by a farmer who states that about 2 o'clock he was awakened by the sound of shots on the highway, followed by the noise of wheels as if a carriage was being rapidly driven away. The suicide theory is not being entertained.

Pharmacists Re-elect  
Officers

MADISON, Wis., April 13.—The state board of pharmacy last night re-elected D. A. Taylor of Stevens Point as president and H. G. Ruenzel of Milwaukee was chosen secretary to succeed A. F. Menges of Madison. Mr. Menges who is a leading druggist of Madison, announced that inasmuch as his term of office expired tomorrow, he was not a candidate for re-election as secretary. Mr. Menges has served ten years on the board, two of which he has been secretary. The salary of the position is \$500 a year. It is reported that a Madison druggist has been selected as Mr. Menges' successor. The state board will hold an examination here during the next two days. Sixty-two candidates will take the test.

Edward L. Kent not  
Guilty of Murder

STEVENS POINT, Wis., April 13. A verdict of not guilty was rendered tonight in the case of Edward L. Kent of Belmont, Portage county, charged with killing his youngest son, Walter Kent, by stabbing him in the neck with a knife on the night of Aug. 5, 1904.

The case has been on trial since last Wednesday. The defendant is 74 years old and the son was 28 years old. The latter, it is said, came home drunk and a quarrel with his father resulted in the son's death. A plea of self-defense was made by the elder Kent. The verdict meets with general approval here.

Kenosha to Open  
Season Sunday

KENOSHA, Wis., April 13.—The Kenosha baseball team will open the season of 1905 at Central park Sunday afternoon, when the team will meet the Uhlers of Racine, the champions of the Racine City league. Manager Hermann of the Kenosha team has announced his lineup for the year as follows: Catcher, Herman; pitcher, La Pour; first base, Blatz; second base, Kueson; third base, Duffy; shortstop, Clare; right field, Burkhardt; left field, Flavin; center field, Hanks.

Unequal Assessments  
at Racine

RACINE, Wis., April 13.—Charles Epstein, the new supervisor of assessors, commenced his work today. Mr. Epstein promises a sensational re-

vision in the near future, claiming their is great inequality in the assessment of property. In one instance a large factory is assessed at \$20,000, when it could not be bought for \$400,000, and one of the wealthiest men in the city was not assessed a dollar last year for personal property, while a man in his employ was assessed \$3,000.

WORLD WIDE WORK  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Mr. Von Ogden Vogt, of Boston, secretary of the National Union of Christian Endeavor societies, will give an address before the local union of La Crosse at the First Congregational church, Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited as Mr. Vogt will speak upon the great modern movements in the interest of young people. There will be a conference with Mr. Vogt in the church parlors at 4:30 p. m. to which all Christian workers and especially officers of C. E. societies are invited.

New Postmaster at  
Superior

SUPERIOR, Wis., April 13.—An announcement was made here that O. K. Anderson has been recommended by Congressman Jenkins for postmaster of Superior in place of Kirby Thomas, who has resigned to become past owner and western manager of a meeting publication. Mr. Anderson was county clerk two terms and is now in the furniture business. The appointment is a surprise as the resignation of Mr. Thomas was not made public until today.

"Folkets Avis"  
Changes Hands

RACINE, Wis., April 13.—Articles of incorporation were filed here today by the Folkets Avis Publishing company. The incorporators, prominent Danish-American residents of Racine, have purchased the Folkets Avis, one of the oldest Danish weekly newspapers in the northwest and which had for years been edited and published by Edward Jensen, who died Monday. Andrew Dahlstrom will be the editor.

Neenah Cattle Have  
Tuberculosis

NEENAH, Wis., April 13.—Eighteen head of cattle, owned by A. H. Hinman in the town of Clayton, and a score of head on the property of other farmers in that vicinity, have been attacked with a malignant form of tuberculosis. A dozen deaths have already occurred and the health officials have ordered the diseased cattle to be killed. The owners refuse to do so until State Veterinary Surgeon Roberts passes on the cases.

Racine Settles  
With Ex-Copper

RACINE, Wis., April 13.—In order to avoid a lawsuit, which would be costly to the city, officials have instructed the police and fire commission to settle with N. P. Jorgenson, who was dismissed from the police department "for the good of the service." He is to receive \$120 in settlement of all claims.

Go to the Bijou tonight

SHOULD MASSAGE  
HIM WITH FISTS

Wilmington, Del., April 13.—"The kind of massage that fellow needs is to have one meet him on a dark night, and make him look pretty with a big closed fist," declared the Rev. Robert A. Elwood at a meeting in the Grand Opera House here. Elwood was referring to a young minister of Wilmington who, he told the audience, was complimented on his personal appearance by several members of his congregation.

The result, he said, was that the young man has been going twice a week to a "female masseur" to have improvements made in his looks. That certain local ministers pay too much attention to their looks and not enough to their duties was asserted by the minister.

"GOODBYE SUCKERS,  
GOODBYE," SAY  
GRAFTERS

Kansas City, April 13.—The American Mercantile association, alleged to be a "get-rich-quick" concern, with headquarters in a downtown office building, has been closed and this notice posted on the door: "Good-bye, suckers, good-bye." The whereabouts of the officers of the association is not known. The main office was at St. Joseph, Mo., and from there a notice has been sent out to its subscribers announcing the suspension. When this notice was received by the Kansas City subscribers, the majority of whom are laboring people, they flocked to the offices. Many pitiable scenes were enacted.

The subscribers had agreed to pay \$1 a week for eighty weeks on the promise that they were to receive \$100 at the end of that period. Many working girls and laborers had been making payments for months. One woman had paid \$7.50 a week for sixty-six weeks, and expected soon to realize \$720.

SCARCITY OF  
LOBSTERS

Boston, April 13.—The outlook respecting the lobster fishery is made the subject of complaint and warning by the state board of fish and game commissioners in its annual report which has been submitted to the legislature. "If the statistics of the lobster fishery gathered by this commission," the board says, "gave any encouragement of an increase of abundance this would be cause for satisfaction. Unfortunately, however, the contrary is true, for the figures show conclusively the same decadence of supply that has characterized the lobster fishery for many years. The outcome, the commercial extinction of the lobster, is as sure to result as day is to follow night."

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Oversee Underground Work

This morning a foreman and crew of twenty men begun work for the Wisconsin Telephone company, of tearing down the old poles on Fourth street. The overhead wires will be replaced with underground conduits and a carload of cable has been received for the purpose.

## REAL ESTATE MEN SAYS CONDI- TIONS HERE ARE SATISFACTORY

Inquiry among real estate dealers develops that real estate conditions at the present time are considered in a very satisfactory condition, and that taking these conditions as an indication there should be no doubt whatever that when the state census is taken this year the city can very readily show a population quite a little in excess of the desired 30,000. The effects of the establishment here in the past two years of a number of manufacturing institutions are beginning to be felt in a very substantial manner now in the selling of real estate for homes. Another sure indication of growth is that at the present time there are few rented properties that can be obtained. During the winter there were some vacant houses about the city, but since the advent of spring these have nearly all been rented. The inquiry for houses the past month has been unusually large, this inquiry being quite general all over the city, and the result has been that empty properties have been quickly snapped up, until now there are few to be obtained, even at the East end.

One real estate dealer today in speaking of the situation said that it was practically impossible at the present time to get any modern houses at a rental of \$25 to \$30, that all of these houses had been taken and renters had been secured in advance for some others that were to be built this year.

Notwithstanding this demand there has been on the whole but little change in the rentals asked, although in some instances there has been some advance. In one instance a modern house has just been rented at an increase of \$6 over the figure paid by the last tenant, but part of this is offset by a decrease to the last tenant.

Philip Leppert of Lansing, Iowa, returned Monday from a nine days' stay in La Crosse hospital where his eyes were treated. He was unable to be accommodated at St. Francis hospital, so crowded is the institution at this time.

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## WHY BUNGE WAS DEFEATED FOR MAYOR OF LA CROSSE

La Crosse County News Takes Amusing View of the Influence of the Morning Chronicle

The La Crosse County News, the official labor organ attributes the defeat of the republican party in the late campaign to the Morning Chronicle and the "devil poster." The view of the News follows:

"After the heat of the recent campaign has subsided, it is safe to say that the defeat of Geo. W. Bunge, the republican candidate for mayor, was due to two things, viz.: The flopping of the Chronicle and the 'devil posters.' The former was undoubtedly a democratic dodge, as it was well-known that the support of the Chronicle was doing the democrats more harm than good, and by switching it over to the republicans during the last of the campaign it was made to appear that the paper had been bought by the republicans, and it also enabled the Tribune to do effective work in showing that the Light Trust and Cargill interests had been turned down by the city administration, hence the flopping of the Chronicle. This turn changed the Chronicle from a hindrance to a help, not because of that paper's influence but because of the ill fortune which attends those who engage its support. The other cause of Mr. Bunge's defeat (had he received 202 votes more

he would have been elected, so it was conceded by all that these two were really the cause) created such a storm of indignation that many who had made up their minds to vote the reform ticket became disgusted, and turned their votes to Torrance. It was a case of overdoing a matter, and showed the result of Good Intentions slopping over, being jostled by the careless elbow of Lack of Judgment. Mr. Bunge was making a good fight, and had he been left alone he would have won out; even with the flopping of the Chronicle he might have won, but when the 'devil posters' appeared on the eve of election, all was lost.

"But, taking everything into consideration, it is probably just as well that Mayor Torrance was re-elected. He is a good man, and an untiring worker; he is not afraid to give his time to the city—and as to that anti-gambling petition, why, even the Pastors' union refused to go on record as endorsing it—so the city will jog on, each man for himself and the 'devil poster' for the hindmost, and it will all come out in the wash, just as such things always do. The agitation did good, and the city administration for the next two years will no doubt be a good one."

## CITY NEWS

Have Colby do your wiring. Wanted—Dining room girl. Palace. Get the Bijou habit—you'll enjoy it. Easter Bazaar tomorrow at 507 Main.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. Panzlau of this city, a son.

Amateurs will furnish fun at the Bijou tomorrow night.

Have you seen the Wisconsin Light & Power Company's ad.

Picture frames made to order, I. G. Loomis, 318 Main street.

Matinee performances with Miss Marie Holliday and other friends.

Do not forget to read the Wisconsin Light & Power company's ad.

Miss Daisy Hargraves of La Crosse is in Mabel, Minn., receiving instructions from Prof. Cahill preparatory to taking a college course.

No mercury, no minerals, no danger in Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The greatest family tonic known. Bings good health to all who use it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your druggist.

Inauguration of President Roosevelt tonight at Lyman H. Howe's moving pictures at Y. M. C. A. hall, for Firemen's benefit.

Mrs. R. S. Davis and daughter Alice of Hokah have come to La Crosse. Mrs. Davis will make her home in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Fitzpatrick, and Alice will leave this month for Washington state, where her sister Mrs. Polly Bandy lives.

There is something irresistible about the vaudeville attractions at the Bijou theatre. Have you acquired the habit?

Miss Carrie Davis of La Crosse has returned after spending the past week at the home of her mother.

Miss Josephine Blad of Hokah returned to La Crosse this week, where she again has employment.

The La Crosse Rug Co. are prepared to clean, lay and refit all carpets and rugs.

Spend the rainy evenings at Strauss' Billiard Hall, 124 North Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Worthington of La Crosse visited Hokah Wednesday with her brother, Rev. C. Schoenheider and wife.

Inauguration of President Roosevelt tonight at Lyman H. Howe's moving pictures at Y. M. C. A. hall, for Firemen's benefit.

The Wisconsin Light & Power company would be pleased to have citizens read their ad.

Mabel Jaques of La Crosse visited Hokah a few days the past week with her grandmother, Mrs. Kitzinger and aunt, Mrs. Diment.

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## KELLER IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

FAYORS ELECTION  
OF ALD. BARTL

"I wish you would say for me," said Alderman G. A. Keller this morning, "that I am not a candidate for the presidency of the common council. Instead I advocate strongly the selection of Alderman Frank Bartl."

"He is the oldest member of the council and is an able and capable man and I believe is justly entitled to the honor."

## HIXON HOME IS TO BE RE- MODELED

It is learned that a Chicago architect has been in the city for several days securing instructions on extensive improvements that will be made at once on the home of Frank P. Hixon, former president of the National bank. The improvements and additions to the house will be extensive although their nature has not been determined as yet. The Hixon home is located on the corner of Fourteenth and King streets.

It will pay you to read the Wisconsin Light & Power company's ad before making any contracts.

## Y.M.C.A. HALL

Thursday Eve. 13  
only, April 13

The La Crosse Firemen's Relief Association presents LYMAN H. HOWE, America's greatest traveler and exhibitor, and his company with—

## NEW MOVING PICTURES.

Direct from Pabst Theatre, Milwaukee. An immense hit. Every Milwaukee newspaper said it. Forty International Events of present interest, including the Only Moving Pictures taken of the inauguration ceremonies of President Roosevelt. Every detail of the grand pageant faithfully produced.

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## Few Hear Talk on Single Tax

Only a handful of men congregated at Germania hall last evening to hear the free lecture on "The Single Tax" by John Z. White of Chicago, a socialistic lecturer from Chicago. The speaker went deeply into the doctrines of Henry George. Mr. White is touring the country under the direction of the Henry George Lecture association of Chicago.

## SATURDAY APRIL 15TH DAY OF FASTING PRAYER

A general call for prayer throughout the United States on Saturday, April 15th, has been responded to by the pastors' union of this city by arranging a union prayer service to be held in the First Presbyterian church, Saturday at 3 p. m. All churches and pastors are cordially invited to join in this service. Rev. Henry Faville will conduct the service. Rev. W. H. Vance will have charge of the singing. Scripture, Rev. R. E. Cody; prayer, Rev. J. J. Clemens; address, Rev. W. J. Patton. Special prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—Overcoat in city; double-breasted ulster; belt in back; gray in color. Return to Tribune office for reward.

Cloudy tonight and Friday, fresh northeast winds

## L. COREN'S

DAILY STORE NEWS.

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES REDUCED FOR  
Friday only, and remember these prices are for  
FRIDAY ONLY

Sheets of good sheeting, size 63x90, were 60c, for Friday only—	46c	Sheets of good sheeting—hemmed and ironed ready for use, size 81x90, were 70c, for Friday only—	58c
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Sheets of Best Quality Sheeting.

Size 63x90 were 70c, on sale Friday—	58c	Size 81x90 were 85c, Friday only—	66c	Size 90x90 were 90c, Friday only—	73c	Size 81x90 hemstitched were \$1.00 Friday each	76c
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Pillow Cases of Fair Quality Casing.

Size 42x36, 15c value, Friday only—	12c	Size 45x36, worth 18c, on sale Friday each—	14c	Size 45x36 hemstitched, were 22c special for Friday	19c
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Pillow Cases of Best Quality Casing.

Size 42x36, were 18c, Special Friday only—	14c	Size 45x36, were 20c, on sale Friday each—	16c	Size 50x38, were 25c, Friday they go at—	19c
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Bargains in Muslins for Friday

Unbleached Muslin, yard wide, (10 yards to a customer) tomorrow per yard—	4 1/2c	Bleached Muslin, yard wide, Friday, per yard—	5c
Peperell R, yard wide, Friday per yard—	6c	Lonsdale, full width, per yard tomorrow—	7c

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**WILL NOT MR. BIRD RESIGN.**  
Two things are pretty certain.  
One is that the contingent of the city council that is disposed to defer the high school bonds unless the school board agrees to the final disposal of Superintendent Bird, will be able to delay and embarrass the high school project.  
The other is that, aroused by the opposition based on a rather personal grounds, the proponents of the high school bonds will be able to secure the retention of Superintendent Bird for two years more.  
And two more things are certain.

One is that the high school will eventually be built. It is demanded by the people and pledged to the people. It is a necessary addition to our school equipment, and will prove no more than adequate during the life of the building planned.

The other is that Superintendent John P. Bird will finally be deposed, or forced to resign.

Circumstances, and human nature, have forced into a relative and dependent position two propositions neither of which, in the opinion of The Tribune, should be dependent upon the other. The high school should be built at once. There is no dissent from this idea, even by those who are opposing immediate and unconditional action. But these men ask that Superintendent Bird be replaced by another man more capable of fulfilling the full and ultimate purposes of the office, and they make the removal of a, to them, objectionable official the one condition upon which they will act in favor of the bonds. It is not right, we believe, to take this position antagonistic to a necessary improvement, merely for the purpose of securing a better management of our schools. However, it is true that where the city council is practically unanimous that a public official is unsatisfactory, there is ground for the careful consideration of that official's competence.

But these are, or should be, two separate propositions. The Tribune is not at all satisfied that Superintendent Bird should be retained. The allegations as to his incompetence are too general to be disregarded. A vote of the members of the faculty of the La Crosse schools would no doubt develop an overwhelming opinion in that quarter that he does not fill the bill, and who is more competent to judge than his helpers? But we feel that this is a question entirely beside the new school bonds, which should be voted. We are equally positive that there should be some serious attention paid to the qualifications of the man who is to supervise the instructions of our children under the new advantages for which the taxpayers must pay.

It must not be presumed that the members of the council who are in favor of the high school bonds are for the retention of Bird. That point was emphatically demonstrated when the council displaced Mr. A. Hirshheimer because he would not promise to oppose Mr. Bird. Mr. Hirshheimer was recognized as one of the ablest and most valuable members the school board had ever enjoyed, and the extent of the opposition to Mr. Bird can be accurately measured thereby. With possibly one or two exceptions, the council is as unanimous against Mr. Bird as it is for the new high school.

Now this is not proof positive that Mr. Bird is incompetent, but it is amply sufficient ground upon which to raise a prima facie presumption and to call for inquiry. Nor is the fact that a bare majority of the school board is for Mr. Bird at all convincing as to his merits. The school board is composed of able men, and naturally has faith in its own judgment, but where an able body is split pretty nearly in the middle, the difference of opinion leaves a doubt as to the correctness of the majority, and the overwhelming majority that is known to exist in the city council, against the bare majority of the board, makes the strain of authority pull against the present superintendent.

Another point is worth considering here. The school board, as we have said, is composed of men for whom we all have the highest respect. But it is the creature of the city council, and must naturally be subject to the regulation of that body. To contend that it knows more than the council is begging the question; it may and it may not, but if it does, that does not in any way affect the prerogatives of the creative body, the council.

To sum up, eventually there will be a new high school and a new superintendent. Each may temporarily be delayed, but must ultimately come. The high school is of the greater importance and Mr. Bird is the greater obstacle. It is not to be expected that the school board will put itself in the position of having sacrificed an individual to gain even an important advantage, upon dictation. Hence the board will not remove the stumbling block, and the council cannot remove it until another vacancy appears on the school board. What is to be done?

The Tribune, without wishing to condemn or to approve the man, believes that the one person who has it in his power to straighten out this muddle should do so. Superintendent John P. Bird should resign. His failure to do so can but prolong his occupancy two years more, and he will go perforce later, where his resignation now would save him from the humiliation of removal. By all means, let Mr. Bird resign and let there be had those things now at issue of immensely more importance than the identity of a superintendent—the things which Mr. Bird's longer retention of his office is blocking. For it now appears to be certain that, if this point is not conceded by the board of education (and it will not be), the high school bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people, on petition legally authorized, and the new high school will be materially delayed. Greatly as it is to be regretted, this seems now to be the inevitable.

To the school board we would say, "Dispose of Mr. Bird."  
To Mr. Bird we would say, "Resign."  
To the council we would say, "Vote the bonds, and await developments which, to us, seem to be the certain delay of a most meritorious project."

**BADGER GYMNASTS SELECTED**

MADISON, Wis., April 13.—Dr. Elsom has selected the gymnastic team that will represent Wisconsin university in the western intercollegiate gymnastic meet to be held at Chicago Saturday evening. The men who will be taken are Capt. Blaine for tumbling, side horse, long horse, and horizontal and parallel bars; Ziegleback, clubs, horizontal and parallel bars, side and long horse; Lautz, side and long horse, parallel bars; Grunert, rings, parallel and horizontal bars; Parker, tumbling and rings; Sivel, horizontal and parallel bars; Diavila and Sperry, subs.  
Wisconsin has not as much hope of winning the meet as it had a few weeks ago. The loss of Stearns is a severe one, leaving the team with Blaine as the only old man on it. Stearns was considered the best man in the west, and his place can not be filled this year, in the opinion of Dr. Elsom.  
Universities and colleges that will be represented will be Minnesota, Illinois, Chicago, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Grinnell. This number will make it the largest gymnastic meet yet held. It is the fourth since the organization of the association by Dr.

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Elsom and Wisconsin has won two of the three meets. Nebraska is feared by Wisconsin this year, but whoever wins, it is expected that a meet between the western winners and the winners in the eastern association will be held.

**Norwegian Actor Makes a Big Hit**

A packed house, composed of representative Scandinavians of La Crosse, turned out last night to hear Harald

nately. He carried the play through, with these parts, to the burning of the orphanage, and concluded, amid thundering applause.  
Mr. Stormoen's comic selections were also well appreciated, and took well with the audience.

**STANDARD'S ENEMY DIED WITH BUT LITTLE**

**GEORGE RICE OPPOSED THE TRUST**

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
MARIETTA, O., April 13.—The will of the late George Rice, who spent his life time fighting Standard Oil, has been probated here. The entire estate was valued at ten thousand. He was formerly a wealthy man.

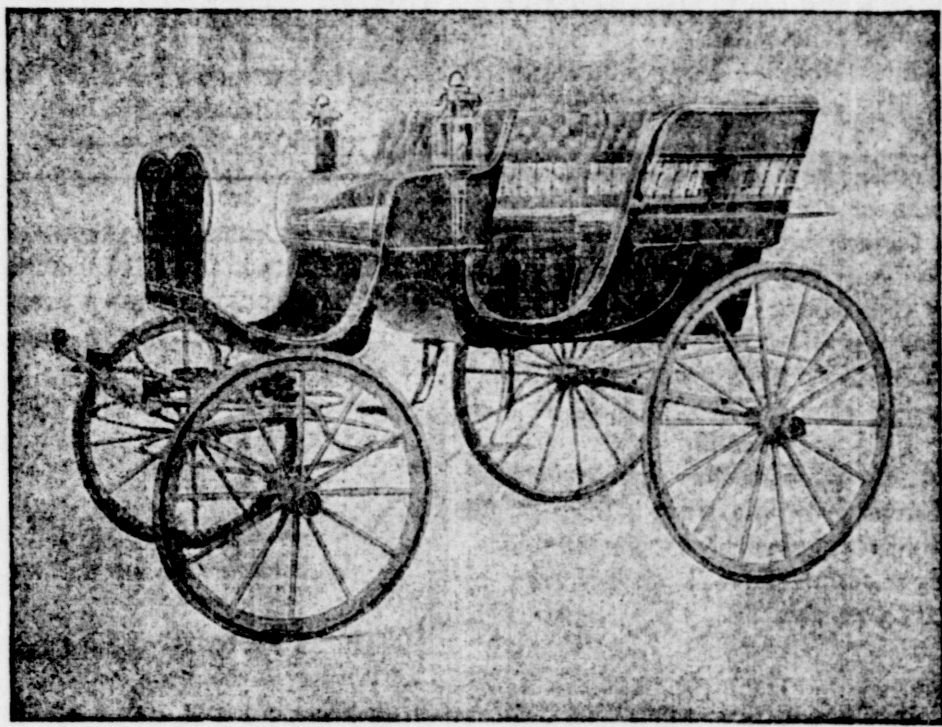
**SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYORS NEAR ONALASKA**

It is learned that the La Crosse and Southeastern surveying crew has today reached a point near Onalaska, and is directing its course so as to connect with the tracks of the Green Bay railroad near that city. No verification of this can be had

**"TOUR-NEAU SOCIABLE" A SPLENDID VEHICLE**

The "Tour-neau Sociable" is probably the most splendid equipage in La Crosse. It is the new turnout recently acquired by Hodge & Bradbury, and it is as unique as it is handsome. The vehicle is shown in the accompanying cut.

This carriage is built on the plan of the latest automobile novelty, and is an entirely new idea in equipage. It is fashioned to seat six people,



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ple, and is so designed as to come the nearest to perfection and luxury in traveling of any thing on wheels.

The Tour-neau Sociable is built of the most expensive materials and is scientifically arranged for comfort and elegance. It has been seen on the streets a number of times and always attracts the admiring glances of those who see it passing. Its introduction in La Crosse will be the signal for sudden popularity, as all who seek beauty and style will seek it when planning a drive or an outing.

Stormoen, the Norwegian comedian from the National theatre at Christiania, who appeared at the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening.

Mr. Stormoen is making a tour of the United States, and Great Britain, and was persuaded to stop at La Crosse enroute from Chicago to Milwaukee.

He entertained his audience from 8 o'clock until a late hour, with selections from the best Scandinavian authors.

He made a special impression on his audience with an extract from Ibsen's "Ghosts" wherein he took the part of "Pastor Mandels" and "Gilbert Engstrom, the Carpenter," alternately.

this afternoon, but it is said that the La Crosse and Southeastern will come to La Crosse over the Green Bay tracks from Onalaska, and will use the southside passenger and freight depots of the Green Bay road in which road the Cargills are heavily interested.

**Race War is on in Kansas**

Coffeyville, Kan., April 13.—A race war has narrowly been averted here as the result of the assault by a negro upon Mrs. John Griffith, white, the wife of a machinist, and serious trouble is still likely. Negroes of the worst class have been ordered to leave town. In anticipation of a clash between the two races the mayor has issued a proclamation ordering that all citizens disarm, and many special officers have been sworn in.  
Since the negro's attack upon Mrs. Griffith the negroes have been arming to prevent lynching of any innocent negro, as seemed likely and an attempt to disarm a number of blacks resulted in a dozen revolvers being leveled at Chief of Police Smith's head. Other negroes rushed to the scene, when a body of whites stopped them with leveled rifles. The leader among the negroes was choked into insensibility and the others were subdued, trouble being averted for the time at least.

Mrs. Dr. Cohen left last night for Chicago where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

Patronize home trade and go to the Bijou.

**NICE SPRING SUITS.**

It is always best to select your Spring Suit while our spring stock is complete. There is nothing to be gained by waiting. You cannot wear your winter suit all summer, and it is much better to get them early and get the full benefit. Easter will soon be here, and of all times, we should look well. It is this. Come early and get just what you want; we have a magnificent line for you to select from. We give a nice souvenir with every purchase.



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**Boys' Suits for Confirmation** We purchased an extra fine line of these suits this spring, knowing the importance of this occasion to those who participate in the exercises of this special function. And we desire to call the attention of parents to the fact that it will be to their advantage to bring the little men to our store and fix them up. We give a nice souvenir with every purchase.

**PETER NEWBURG.**

**REPORTED FIGHTING AT SEA REGARDED AS "FISHY"**

London, April 13.—The correspondent at Labuan (off the northwest coast of Borneo), of The Daily Mail says that reports are current there that large fleets have been sighted south of Borneo.

London, April 13.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent this morning, in a comparative statement of the strength of the fighting fleets of Japan and Russia claims that the Japanese have five battleships. The Daily Telegraph considers that this disposes of the rumor that the battleship Yashima was sunk by a Russian mine off Dalny in June last.

**Has There Been Any Fighting?**

The question whether there has been any fighting between the two fleets in the China sea is in doubt. A dispatch from Amsterdam, dated yesterday, says: "A fight is in progress near the Anambas islands, east of the Malay peninsula, according to a telegram from Batavia, island of Java, to the Handelsblad. The dispatch adds that five Dutch war ships are near the scene of battle. Details are lacking." It was also reported that the Japs had sunk three Russian ships.

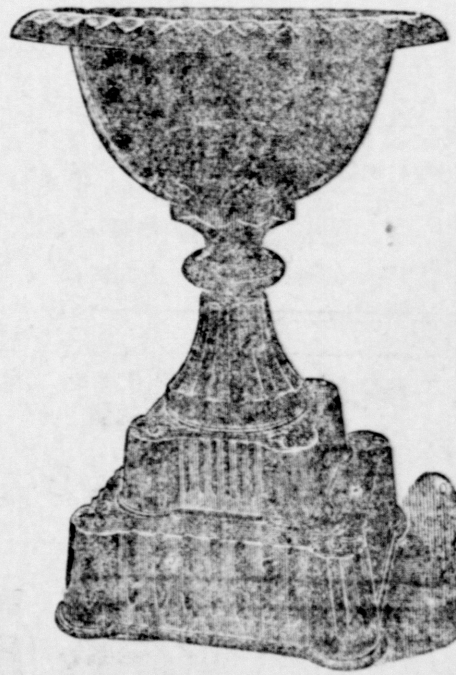
At this writing the foregoing is not confirmed, and a St. Petersburg dispatch says that "the admiralty has no information in regard to the alleged naval battle in progress off the Anambas islands, as reported from Batavia to a newspaper at Amsterdam, and does not entertain the possibility of a general naval battle yet. The officials concede, however, that the Japanese may have attempted a torpedo boat attack on a convoy during the night." It is also pointed out that there is no telegraphic communication between the Anambas islands and the mainland; but this would not prevent a Dutch warship from sending the news by the wireless system.

**Rojestvensky Is Not Missing.**

The supposed absence of Rojestvensky and his battleships from the fleet that passed Singapore April 8 seems to be a mistake. The Associated Press is able to confirm absolutely the statement that the Russian battleships passed Singapore going eastward April 8, so that all of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron is accounted for. This definite news about the battleships was sent to Singapore by wireless telegraph from the China sea. It is presumed here that the battleships passed farther out to sea than the rest of the squadron.

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## PHOENIX FUEL CO. TO HAVE BRANCH HERE

It is understood that the Phoenix Fuel company, a large concern which has bright business prospects, will open an office in this city soon for the purpose of conducting a fuel business along entirely new and very promising lines. When asked regarding the company Secretary Calvert of the board of trade declared that he had heard the company expected to locate here, but that no official notice of their intentions had yet come to the board of trade. A representative of the firm is in the city but declined to make any statement to a Tribune reporter at the present time. Secretary Calvert has had inquiries concerning the company from several concerns now doing business here.

## TWO NEW TRAINS FOR BURLINGTON ROUTE

The Burlington road will add two new trains to the run between Chicago and St. Paul in the near future.

The movement has been under consideration at the company's Chicago offices for over a year, and does not come as a surprise to local officials. The new service will probably go into effect by the first of next month.

## Preparing for Pavement of Alley

Employees of the La Crosse Gas & Electric company today are placing wires which run through the alley between Main and King and Sixth and Seventh streets underground. This is to permit contractors to start immediate work on the brick paving of this alley, which for years past has borne the record of being the dirtiest piece of ground in the northwest. The paving of the alley is expected to start within a short time.

## THE BIJOU A GOOD THEATRE

When the Bijou theatre was started in this city, a great many well-meaning people were of the opinion that such a house could not be made to pay. Indeed, several ideas were expressed that it would soon be transformed into a tivol in order to pay expenses. The Bijou has been with us now for six months and instead of being cheapened it has, from the character of its plays, risen in the estimation of the people to such an extent that now it numbers among its patrons the best people in the city. No sign of vulgarity is tolerated by Manager W. F. Gallagher, and the house and its furnishings have been improved, under his management, to a noticeable degree. Have you been there?—La Crosse County News.

## Newly Wedded Pair Will Reside in West Salem

Miss Lelah Robinson was married at 8 o'clock Monday evening at the home of her mother, in Preston, Minn., to Charles Harkness, formerly of Mabel, Rev. Petrie officiating. Only the relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present. Those from out of town were Mrs. F. D. Adams, La Crosse; Mrs. E. H. Cooper, Bangor, Wis.; Mrs. E. Harkness, Miss Laura Harkness and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brace, Mabel.

There were numerous presents of cut glass and silverware. The happy couple and the Mabel visitors departed for that place, where Mr. and Mrs. Harkness will visit for a week before taking up their residence at West Salem, Wis.

## Post Office Business is Largely Increased

The total receipts of the postoffice department at this city during the fiscal year just passed, show an increase in the business of the city, which can be used as a good criterion by which to estimate the commercial growth of La Crosse.

The postoffice has taken in \$5,160.53

# Confederate Gray

For Spring and Easter Wear.

This is to be a "gray" spring, for both sexes. Already fashionable circles have not only bowed to the decree, but have welcomed it. There will be gray in everything. Last week in New York when the thermometer registered summer weather, the stylish men and women appeared on Fifth avenue in gray. The men's clothes were an oyster gray, in many cases a pearl gray. There was gray in their neckties, gray in their waistcoats. This means gray in this city, for La Crosse is proper and most advanced in style as well as in other things.

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## GENERAL KING HIGHLY COMPLIMENTS GUARDS

Major General Charles King, who recently inspected the militia of the state, including the La Crosse companies, is enthusiastic in his praise in his report to Adj. Gen. Boardman. He says, in part:

"From the point of view of one who has seen much of the troops of this state, both in peace time and in war during the last half century, it is a pleasure to refer at once to the marked advance in discipline, instruction and equipment everywhere visible. Most of the officers and very many of the men, having been enrolled in the national army during the recent affair with Spain, have learned the value and importance of details that

ten years ago were looked upon perhaps as irksome and even oppressive, for at no time in the past have I found the guard in so fine a condition as to discipline and preparation as it is today. Even in the few companies backward in the matters of drill and instruction there is an air of earnestness, of subordination, of desire to learn that should serve as an inspiration to the least zealous of our officers. Whatever I have found to criticize or condemn is not the fault of the rank and file.

"It is a pleasure at the outset to refer to the admirable system by which the guard is armed, equipped and supplied. I cannot too highly commend the condition in which I found the

ordnance and quartermaster's depot at the state military reservation. The order, neatness and precision that prevail, the excellence of the methods of issuance, care of and accounting for every item of state property, the readiness for service and the up-to-date records all reflect the greatest credit on the officer in charge. That one establishment will challenge comparison anywhere within our national limits."

## LATE CITY NEWS

Congressman John J. Esch has returned from a short business visit at Sparta.

Walter Stanard returned from Madison where he has been spending a week on business.

Mr. E. A. Gleason accompanied by his son Eugene, and Dr. C. H. Farand will leave Saturday for a week of trout fishing at Trout Falls, Wis. City Clerk Jos. M. Sieger is

swearing in new city officers and ward officers elected at the recent election, as fast as they present themselves. Quite a number of these have already taken their oaths of office.

According to a statement of election expenses filed by Coroner Edward Cronon, it did not cost him a cent to be elected constable in his ward this year.

The Ladies' Society of St. Paul's West Avenue Lutheran church is being entertained at the church parlors this afternoon.

Mr. R. S. Johnson of Manchester, Ia., the superintendent of the United States fish commission, is in La Crosse today on a short business visit.

The board of public works has caused the park benches to be replaced in the public parks, after being stored over winter. A number of the benches have been repainted.

Members of the new council have suggested Alderman Gus Keller, better known as "Bath House Gus," as

president of the council to succeed Alderman A. P. Glark whose term expires with this meeting.

The bonding issue for the new high school will come up before the city council at tomorrow night's meeting, and will likely be passed as the aldermen do not wish to leave this measure to the new council.

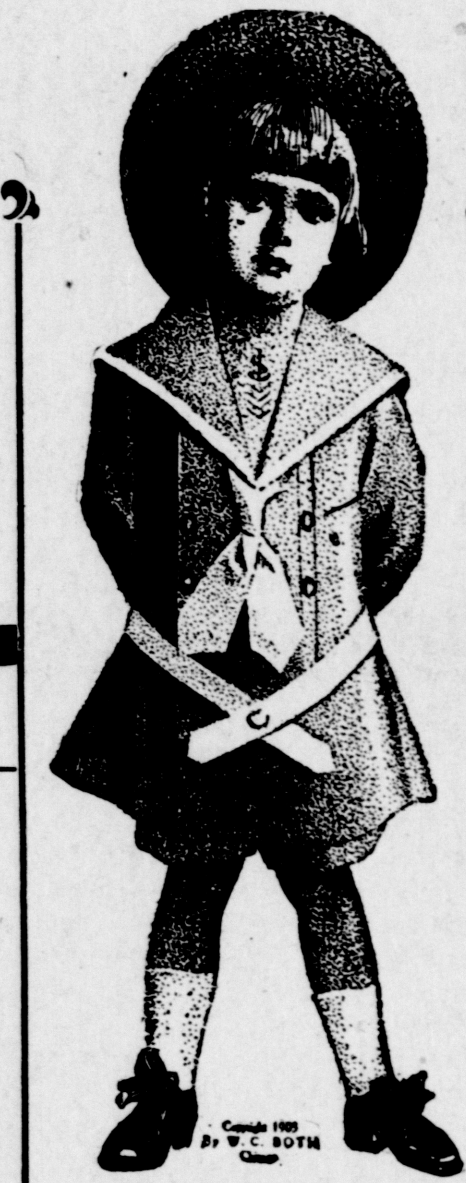
The window in the door of the county clerk's office at the new court house, which was broken by boys on the day of the opening of the new building has been replaced. It took some time to secure glass of the same pattern as that in the other doors.

F. G. Davis of Galesville is calling on friends in the city today.

Cool weather may be expected for some time to come---possibly a couple of days.

The Tribune is the paper that you may depend upon---it prints all the news without bias.

It will pay you to read the Tribune





## CIRCUS SAILS FOR EUROPEAN TOUR



ELEPHANTS FOR THE EUROPEAN CIRCU

(New York Herald Special.)  
NEW YORK, April 4.—Following the celebration of her fiftieth anniversary, Hoboken, on Thursday, saw more snakes and queer animals than she had ever beheld in all her corporate life. Boa constrictors, thirty-six foot pythons, six hundred scarlet nosed monkeys, a pair of orangutangs and a Gila monster, all attested to the splendor of the recent glorification. Truck loads of baby elephants, according to the truthful citizens, moved through the streets, camels walked along the curb, and six hundred monkeys went scattering out of a single pier shed. Red, green, and yellow circus wagons rattled by; twelve panthers snarled, and lions, tigers and beasts of prey were hauled in crates by up and down the main thoroughfares. It was McCaddon's circus. In this



ONE OF THE CAMELS READY FOR SHIPMENT

name may be recognized Joseph T. McCaddon, brother-in-law of James A. Bailey, who has for several years been associated with his relatives. The circus sailed for France on Friday by the steamship St. Andrews, of the Phoenix line.

ago and secured a divorce last October.

[Official Publication.]  
STATEMENT of the condition of the MUTUAL AID SOCIETY OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA AND OTHER STATES, of Waverly, in the State of Iowa, for the year ending December 31st, 1904, made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the laws of said State.

Income ..... \$60,647.35  
Disbursements ..... 58,403.85  
Total admitted assets ..... 64,130.35  
Liabilities ..... 9,555.15  
Balance to protect contracts 54,575.20

Wisconsin Business.  
Certificates in force, 1288 \$1,324,500.00  
Losses or claims paid, 16 17,000.00  
Premiums or assessments collected ..... 16,060.00

I hereby certify that the foregoing is an abstract of the sworn statement of the Mutual Aid Society of the German Lutheran Synod of Iowa and other States, filed with the Insurance Department of Wisconsin, this 28th day of February, 1905.

ZENO M. HOST,  
Commissioner of Insurance.

[Official Publication.]  
STATEMENT of the condition of the MYSTIC WORKERS OF THE WORLD, of Fulton, in the State of Illinois, for the year ending December 31st, 1904, made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the laws of said State:

Income ..... \$326,084.35  
Disbursements ..... 299,834.63  
Total admitted assets ..... 128,698.21  
Liabilities ..... 21,450.00  
Balance to protect contracts 107,248.21

Wisconsin Business.  
Certificates in force, 6166 \$7,472,100.00  
Losses or claims paid, 28 28,450.00  
Premiums or assessments collected ..... 43,281.93

I hereby certify that the foregoing is an abstract of the sworn statement of the Mystic Workers of the World, filed with the Insurance Department of Wisconsin, this 28th of February, 1905.

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SMITH NOW AT GO-  
THEM; DID'NT  
BUY GUN

NAN'S BROTHER-IN-  
LAW HAS BEST OF IT

New York, April 13. — J. Morgan Smith and his wife, who were brought here from Cincinnati to answer a charge of conspiracy with Nan Patterson to obtain money from Caesar Young, will not plead to the indictment until tomorrow. They were arraigned in the court of general sessions. Bail for the Smiths was fixed at \$5,000 each, but on protest by their counsel Judge Foster said he would take the matter of a reduction in the amount under consideration and would announce his decision later, which he did, fixing the bail at \$3,000.

Did Not Buy the Revolver.

Before being taken to the Tombs prison Smith made a statement, in which he said: "I am glad to be back in New York. The name of my family has been besmirched. I have not had a chance to clear it, but I will. My movements on the day the pistol was bought are very easily traced. I had written them out, naming every person I met that day, that I know. The record was in the trunk which was confiscated in Cincinnati, and is now in possession of the district attorney. I am very grateful for the district attorney having it. I did not buy that revolver, and I defy any one to swear or identify me as the man." Asked why he and his wife left New York so hurriedly last June, he answered: "I have no reply to make. I will not discuss my case further, except on advice of counsel."

Man Who Sold the Pistol in Court.

Several persons who were called by the prosecution as witnesses at the last trial of Nan Patterson and who were expected by the district attorney to identify Smith as a man mentioned in their testimony were in court when the prisoners were arraigned. Among them was Hyman Stern, the pawnbroker, who sold the revolver with which Caesar Young was killed, and a Lewisboy named Hewett. Hewett testified at the Patterson trial that he saw a man push Nan Patterson into a cab in front of a Broadway restaurant the night before Young was killed, strike her, and say "You've got to do it."

Can't Identify the Prisoner.

Before going into court Stern said he was doubtful if he could positively identify him. He said he saw so many people in his business it was impossible to remember them all. After he had seen Smith, Stern said: "What I said before about not being possible goes." There was an affecting scene when Nan Patterson and her sister met in the Tombs prison. They were left alone, standing with their arms around each other's shoulders, weeping bitterly. J. Randolph Patterson, the aged father of the prisoners, pleaded with the warden not to separate the girls.

Patterson Asks for a Favor.

"If you can grant an old father's wish," said he, "keep the girls as near together as you can while they are incarcerated." Warden Flynn said he would do all he could for him, and arranged to have the prisoners on the same tier in the women's prison. A trunk said to contain the correspondence seized from the Smiths at Cincinnati was received at the district attorney's office. An examination of the contents of the trunk was at once begun.

Cherry Sisters Searching for  
Phonograph Record of  
Dead One's Voice

Des Moines, Ia., April 13.—A search for the voice of the dead is a novel undertaking of Addie and Ellie Cherry, who, with another sister, gained notoriety from ocean to ocean by their barnstorming concerts. These girls, who, with their sister Jessie, toured the United States, giving entertainments which fulfilled the term only in their ridiculous efforts to sing and arguments with the audience about the showers of vegetables hurled at them, have a new goal.

Jessie died a couple of years ago at the Cherry home near Marion, Ia. Her voice was one which caused uproars of laughter because of its coarseness and lack of training. Yet it was sweet to her sisters. And these two sisters, who made the famous tour, are searching for a phonograph record of her singing. They have heard that at many places records were made.

Marries Sister of  
Divorced Wife

GREEN BAY, Wis., April 13.—Miss Jessie Gray, daughter of Ald. Albert L. Gray, and Dr. Frank R. Houston, were married last evening. At-hol, an elder sister of the bride, was married to Dr. Houston several years

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# VIEWS OF CONGRESSMAN ESCH ON RAILROAD RATES

## BLAMES FINANCIAL CON- DITIONS FOR THE REBATES

### Detailed View on the Situation by Man Who Framed Bill

The following article on "Congress and the Railroads," written by Congressman John J. Esch of La Crosse, one of the framers of the Esch-Townsend rate bill, appears in the April number of the National Magazine:

"Modern industrialism which results in piling up a vast fortune for an individual or set of individuals at the expense of the many is now the object of attack throughout the country. Public sentiment seems to crave for monthly, weekly, and even daily installments of 'frenzied finance,' and makes itself felt in criminal prosecutions, investigations and the enactment of drastic laws. 'To him that hath shall be given' is still good gospel, provided the giving be reasonable and does not result in taking 'from him who hath not even that which he hath.' In other words, in the yeasty state of the present agitation one thing is fixed: the people are demanding a 'square deal.'"

"Aggregated or individual fortunes of untold millions, ruthlessly acquired, selfishly hoarded, or wantonly expended account for this situation. There is no quarrel with wealth to amass itself in legitimate ways and in compliance with law and good morals. Wealth so accumulated is a boon to any people, but wealth wrung from the helpless or crushed competitor in defiance of law may be a curse. The so-called trust or combination doing business on a monopolistic basis, and hence having power to fix prices and regulate the supply, is a concrete example of the objects of modern attack and criticism. 'A history of the growth of the oil, sugar, coal and other great trusts has clearly shown the close relations existing between them and the great common carriers of the country—the railroads. The Kansas oil, the Santa Fe, the beef trust and the anthracite coal investigations make clear the dependence of trust upon carrier and carrier upon trust. The grant of a cut or secret rate, or rebate, or discrimination for the transportation of its product gives the trust a monopoly, destroys competition and as a rule raises the price to the consumer. So great have these trusts grown that they have in some instance dictated terms to the carrier and secured con-

tracts of carriage which were barely remunerative.

"It was the knowledge of the fact that great trusts and combinations owed their very existence to the railroads and their phenomenal growth and power to the favors received from the railroads that led in large measure to the present widespread demand for state and federal control of railroad rates. Specific complaints for which legal remedies are now sought are discriminations as to commodities and communities and unreasonable terminal, switching, industrial and private car line charges.

"Unjust or unreasonable discrimination, as between persons or corporations, granted them by railroads in the form of secret rates or rebates, have been largely abolished by the enactment of the Elkins law in 1903, which required all railroads doing an interstate business to file and publish all tariffs or rates and charges, and punished by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than twenty thousand dollars any railroad or its officer or agent giving, offering or granting, or any person or corporation soliciting, accepting or receiving any rebate, concession or discrimination for the transportation of interstate commerce at less than the published tariffs.

"President Roosevelt has declared in strong words that rebates must go. The leading railroad presidents of the country are apparently willing and even eager to go thus far with him, but balk at further legislation. When one realizes the millions of dollars annually lost to railroads by the willing or unwilling concession of rebates to powerful shippers or trusts, it no longer is cause for wonder that the railroads themselves should lead the crusade for a law behind which they could if they wished take refuge against unreasonable demands. That the Elkins act has not abolished rebates, that railroad managers still wilfully violate this very act which they desire to have enacted, that syndicated wealth still dominates the carrier, the recent disclosures before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Santa Fe and private car line cases too clearly demonstrate.

"It may be that rigorous prosecutions of a criminal nature brought to enforce existing law may have a salutary effect and lessen in large measure any violations of the rebate law which still exist. In this connection the managers of the carriers of the country, if sincere in their desire to end the rebate evil, and no doubt

tions as to commodities and communities and the evil of terminal, industrial and private car lines would still remain.

"It was to meet these evils, in part at least, that the house of representatives recently passed a bill which gave to the Interstate Commerce Commission the right, upon complaint and after full hearing, to order and declare what shall be a just and reasonable rate, practice, or regulation to be charged, imposed or followed in the future in place of that found to be unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory. The grant of any such power to any commission no matter how able or how constituted has met with the strenuous and concerted opposition of the leading railroad officials of the country. They contend that the control of rates is rank paternalism, leads to socialism and government ownership, revolution and the confiscation of private property.

"As to paternalism we answer that, as to the highways within the state, control over them at common law is vested in the state, and the right to fix tolls is unquestioned. As to interstate highways, such as railroads, congress has been given power by the constitution to regulate commerce among the several states and the fixing of rates is a part of such regulation. If the fixing of rates is paternalism, then it is paternalistic to exercise through congress a power expressly granted by the constitution, are railroads private corporations, this argument would have force, but railway managers, magnates and presidents seem constantly to forget the public character of the corporations they control. They forget that they could not lay a rod of track through private property without the exercise of eminent domain, a sovereign right granted by the state. They forget that through state and federal land grants, amounting to millions of acres and imperial in extent, the construction of many of our largest roads was rendered not only possible but profitable. They forget how the inhabitants of cities, townships, countries and even states have taxed themselves to pay the bonds voted by them by way of direct, immediate financial aid. Being the beneficiaries of such aids and privileges, it comes with poor grace on the part of these common carriers to resent action by the government looking to the regulation of rates on the ground of paternalism.

"It is further contended that such regulation will lead to socialism and government ownership. Who is responsible for the present growth of socialism in the United States? What causes its growth, where does it most thrive? It is common knowledge that the congested centers of population with infusions of foreign blood, where monopolistic control of public utilities oppresses the people, have been and will continue to be congenial to its growth. It grows by what it feeds upon. Its food is furnished by the excesses of aggregated wealth. No

other agency has done more to promote socialistic sentiment than have the public utility corporations themselves. I am opposed to socialism as well as to government ownership, and yet it is because both these are possible if the carriers of the country are left longer to their own devices that I favor some reasonable governmental control, to the end that the railroads may be saved from themselves. Stubborn, unreasonable and unwelcome resistance by the railroads to what the country considers moderate yet necessary legislation may cause the pendulum some day to swing too far the other way.

"It is further contended that to give the Interstate Commerce Commission power over rates would lead to revolution and confiscation. When the original interstate commerce act was passed by congress in 1887, there was neither revolution nor confiscation of railroad property although the commission, supposing itself to have the power, upon complaint and after full hearing, fixed rates. During the decade from 1887 to 1897, the year in which the supreme court decided the commission had no such power, there was an era of good feeling between the railroads and the shippers, resulting in the prosperity of both. During this decade the vast majority of complaints were speedily and amicably adjusted without demoralization to the roads or bankruptcy of their property. Since 1890 no less than twenty-three states, following the enactment of the interstate commerce law, have established state commissions and endowed them with powers greater than those originally granted by the act of 1887 or those proposed to be granted by the bill which has just passed the house, and yet in not one of these states has revolution or confiscation resulted. All these dire predictions serve only to divert attention from the real objection to rate legislation, that is, that it would prevent taxing the traffic all it will bear. As freights are taxes, they are paid either by the producer or consumer, so that no household in all the land can escape payment. Shall this power to tax the very necessities of life be left wholly to those who are not obligated to the general public but are obligated to make dividends for their stockholders, and to make dividends oftentimes upon a capitalization highly watered? If railroads are the creatures of the people, through charters granted by them, ought not the people's interests to be taken into consideration when it comes to the fixing of rates? There must be some power somewhere over and above these corporations and independent of them to determine with absolute fairness their rights and those of the people they serve.

"In these days when six or eight banking syndicates own three-fourths of the entire railroad mileage of this country, and in large measure control the balance, competition can no longer be depended upon as a reg-

ulator of rates. With unity of control and community of interest, a species of pooling already obtains and rates in consequence, notwithstanding great improvements in road-bed, rolling-stock and motive power and consequent reduction in cost of transportation, have not only been maintained, but in many instances even raised. "With no power on the part of the government to regulate the classification of freight, in 1900 the railroads of the whole country made an upward revision of the rates by raising articles from one class to the next higher class, resulting in an increase of the rate. By this act alone the public was compelled to pay, in 1903, \$155,000,000 more than it would have had to pay had the classification and rates of 1899, prior to the revision, remained in force.

"It can readily be understood how, under the guise of classification, rebates and discrimination are possible. To prevent such discriminations as between commodities, power should be vested in an interstate commerce commission, appointed by the president and composed of men of experience, breadth, honor and ability. Such tenure of office and salary should be allowed as will attract the best talent and secure the best results. Before such a commission the delicate and complicated problem of rate discriminations as between communities and the important question of differentials can be brought with the confident hope that its findings will result in an improvement over present conditions, in an increase of stability of rates, and in an end of destructive rate wars. The evils of terminal, industrial and private car lines as at present conducted should be reached by this commission through authority specifically granted if necessary, so that no individuals or corporations distinct from the carrier can secure a disproportionate share of the rate, or levy tribute upon the public but escape punishment, on the ground that they are not common carriers.

"No plan which makes the findings of such commission final without right of appeal either to existing federal courts or to a special tribunal will stand. The right of appeal is constitutional. A review of its findings must be provided for. With such review what fear can there be that this legislation will prove revolutionary or lead to confiscation?

"The legislation is bound to come. The people demand that there shall be a strong, positive, unambiguous grant of power to the commission to declare 'what shall be a just and reasonable rate, practice or regulation to be charged, imposed or followed in the future in place of that found to be unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory.' Thousands of citizens, hundreds of commercial, manufacturing and civic bodies, and the legislatures of fifteen states have petitioned the large majority of them are, can do much by giving their hearty co-operation to the constituted authorities. However, even though this result be attained, unjust discrimination congress grant the commission such power. This widespread feeling is not temporary, nor artificially aroused, but is abiding and spontaneous. Better meet the situation in a fair and proper spirit than through factious opposition and specious delay give the radical or the extremist his opportunity."

Green Bay—Chester Allen, who was arrested on a charge of desertion from the army, has been pardoned.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

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	12:15 noon	8:09 a. m.
For Winona, Alma, Prescott, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winnipeg and Northwest	3:30 a. m.	12:15 night
	8:09 a. m.	12:19 noon

### CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee and the East	3:30 a. m.	3:10 a. m.
	12:40 p. m.	7:35 a. m.
	11:10 p. m.	10:55 a. m.
	12:40 a. m.	5:20 p. m.
	3:55 p. m.	5:20 p. m.

Dubuque, Rock Island Omaha and West

Southern Minnesota Division

: Daily; a, daily except Sunday; e, daily except Saturday.

### CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN R. R.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and East, Duluth and Superior	a 7:50 a. m.	b 5:30 a. m.
	a 12:45 p. m.	a 12:20 p. m.
	b 10:40 p. m.	a 5:30 p. m.
Trempealeau, Galesville, Winona, Owatonna and West	a 5:30 a. m.	a 7:50 a. m.
	a 12:20 p. m.	a 12:45 p. m.
	b 5:30 p. m.	b 10:40 p. m.

References: a, daily except Sunday, b, daily.

### GREEN BAY & WESTERN R. R.

In effect June 21, 1903.

Train leaves La Crosse 8:15 a. m. Connects at Marshland with train leaving Winona at 9:15 a. m. Arrives at Merrillan 12:15 p. m., connecting closely with trains north and south on the Omaha road. Connects closely with Wisconsin Central trains at Amherst Junction and arrives at Green Bay 6:10 p. m. Coming west: Leaves Green Bay 7:50 a. m., Amherst Junction 9:35, Stevens Point 9:25, Merrillan 12:55 p. m., Marshland 3:30 p. m. Arrives at La Crosse 4:40 p. m.

A train leaves Merrillan daily (except Sunday) at 7:40 a. m., arriving at Winona at 11:20 a. m. Leaves Winona at 5:50 p. m., arriving at Merrillan 8:50 p. m.

# NOTIFICATION

## TO THE PUBLIC:

The officers of the Wisconsin Light & Power Company have heard that there is a rumor to the effect that a consolidation with the La Crosse Gas & Electric Company is in contemplation and that the Wisconsin Light & Power Company will not be in an independent position.

This company wishes to state that all rumors of this nature are absolutely false.

The facts are that the Wisconsin Light & Power Company will be independent of any and all other companies and expects to be in a position to furnish electric current for lighting and power purposes as early as September 1, 1905.

## Wisconsin Light & Power Co

La Crosse, Wis., March 24, 1905.



ALL CARS START AND STOP  
AT THIS STORE.

J. J. POEHLING &amp; CO.

YOUR INTEREST  
IS OURS.

# Star Of Easter Sale!

The Star O' Night Lights the Way--The Poehling Star leads the people to the House of Economy--The three wise men of the East followed the star to Bethlehem--The wise people of La Crosse and vicinity will follow the Trading Star to Poehling's and observe the astounding bargains to which it points. The five points of this Star signifies as many important reasons why you should **TRADE AT THIS STORE.**

1. Because your dollar has a greater purchasing power with us than at any store in the Northwest.
2. For your money you shall obtain dependable and satisfactory merchandise with our guarantee.
3. Our method of conducting business is strictly on honorable lines. We do what we say.
4. With improved and complete facilities we extend the best service--Our help is reliable and courteous.
5. It is to **YOUR INTEREST** to consider these Facts--Because **YOUR INTEREST IS OURS.**

## MILLINERY FOR EASTER.



Showing a most comprehensive collection of Infants' head wear, \$3.25 down to.....

Children's Hats, assorted colors, various styles, \$9.00 down to.....

19c

Misses' Hats in great profusion, new Milan, Chip and Fancy straw braids, trimmed in flowers, foliage and ribbons, very charming, \$10.00 down to.....

\$2.50

Ladies' street hats, essential for tailored suits, and business wear are here in every conceivable style--The Polo turban and close fitting turban, and the attractive new sailors, are very popular and chic at \$8.00 down to.....

98c

Ladies' Dress Hats--exquisite work of art, made of dainty braids, real horse hair, moline Tuscan and silk weaves combined with net and Moline, trimmed with dainty small flowers or American beauty roses, lilacs, dahlias and Poppies--You will admire them, they're exclusive--\$25.00 down to.....

\$4.50

25c

Easter  
CorsetsLa Greque  
Lattice Corsets, Pink, blue & white, adapted to medium figures..... \$1.50  
La Greque Corset Belt, white boned, with double alluminoid for stout figures..... \$1.50 up

Ladies' Easter Collars

Ladies' Silk Collars in white, blue and pink, very dainty..... 98 and 65  
Ladies' Chiffon and Lace Collars, black and white, nobby..... at \$1.25

## Easter Offerings--Ladies' Wearing Apparel

Ladies' Tan Covert Jackets, all wool, full satin lined new sleeve--Easter special.....

\$4.98

Ladies' black broadcloth Jackets, full satin lined, new sleeves--Easter special.....

\$4.98

Ladies tan covert Jackets, strapped back, inlaid velvet collar, fancy buttons, unlined, and full satin lined, sale.....

\$6.75

Choice assortment tan covert Jackets, correct styles, satin and silk lined--\$18.00, \$15.00, \$12.00, \$9.50.....

\$7.50

Comprehensive line New Easter Suits commanding distinct individuality. Popular cloths, black blue brown and green, nobby checks, plaids, \$37.50 to.....

\$18.00

Special Lot--Ladies' suits, desirable styles, plain weaves popular colors and fancy mixtures, \$13.50 down to.....

\$4.98

Special Lot--Ladies' Cravettes, Coats, plain cloths, fancy suitings, 20 per cent reduction.....

\$2.98



Full line Ladies' Capes, silk and cloth, latest patterns, strong values, at \$9.00, \$7.50 and.....

\$5.00

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT ON  
MILLINERY AND  
READY-TO-WEAR  
APPAREL, DURING  
THIS  
..SALE..**

## EASTER LINENS.

72-inch bleached All Linen, satin Damask, new designs, yd \$2, \$1.50 \$1.25.....

\$1.00

Lunch and Tray Cloths and Dresser Scarfs of highest quality damask, hemstitched and open work of latest design, each \$5, \$2.50 \$1, down to.....

25c

White Wash Goods Section--27-inch India linen at special prices, 35c, 30c, 25c, 20c, 15c, 12c, 10c and.....

7c

64 and 72-inch All Linen cream Damask very choice, per yard, \$1.25, \$1.00, 80c and.....

50c

18, 22, 24 and 27-inch All Linen bleached Napkins, exquisite quality and patterns, per dozen, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, and.....

89c

Exquisite light-weight fabrics--Persian, Lawns, French lawns and plain organdies at Easter sale \$1.25 down to.....

25c

## Easter Hosiery Specials

Ladies' black cotton Hose, Easter Star sale at.....

10c

Ladies' black cotton and lisle hose, spliced heel and toe, Easter Star sale, at.....

11c

Ladies' black fine ribbed and plain French Lisle and satin finish, plain and rib top, plain foot, white foot and split sole, also out size 15c or 2 pairs for.....

25c

Ladies' black Hose plain and rib top, split sole and plain foot, finest yarns, also out size.....

23c

Ladies' black Hose lisle and real Maco, double sole, also out size.....

33c

Ladies' black Hose, plain and rib top, split sole, plain and split foot, lisle and finest yarns, also out size and opera lengths.....

43c

A most comprehensive line of Ladies' lace Hose in newest designs, \$1.50, 79c, 75c, 43c, 23c.....

19c

A choice collection of Ladies', Children's and Men's Fancy Hose, also in Lace.....

## Easter Dress Goods and Wash Fabrics.

44-Inch Silk Warp Henrietta, all colors and blacks, Easter Sale, per yard.....

\$1.00

46-Inch Silk and Wool Crepe du Chine, plain, colors and fancy, Easter Sale, per yard.....

89c

Splendid collection of plain and fancy Mohairs, all colors, Easter sale, per yard.....

49c to \$1.75

54-Inch Expulsive French Suitings, very nobby, Easter sale at.....

\$1.25

27-inch French Voiles, plain and figured, per yard.....

25c

27-inch Fancy Voiles, plain and figured, per yard.....

15c

30-inch Printed Batists, choice designs, per yard.....

10c

30-inch Printed Batiste, correct styles, per yard.....

15c

54-Inch Cream white Mohair, just right for skirts, \$1.50, value, Easter sale, per yard.....

\$1.39

44-Inch Shepard Check Suitings, new and popular, Easter Sale, per yard.....

50c

38-Inch Sublime in all shades, Easter sale, per yard.....

\$1.00

48-Inch Eolian, all colors, most desirable, Easter sale per yard.....

98c to \$1.75

32-Inch Printed Organdies, floral patterns, per yard.....

25c and 35c

30-Inch Japon Pongee, very popular, per yard.....

35c

27-Inch White Waistings, satin and lace stripe &amp; yd patterns, each.....

39c

27-Inch Cotton Skirtings, desirable, per yard.....

35c

## Ladies' Underwear

Ladies' Ribbed Vests--bleached and eoru full taped, very special.....

10c

Ladies' bleached and eoru Vests, silk taped, lace trimmed, extra nice.....

13c

Ladies' Lisle Vests, ribbed, blue and pink, silk taped, splendid at.....

23c

Ladies' bleached Vests, embroidered and lace trimmed silk taped, straight and shaped, exceptionally cheap, at.....

23c

Ladies' Lisle Karso Vests, bleached, silk taped ever so good.....

13c

Ladies' bleached Nursing Vests, embroidered and silk taped; this is a good one.....

23c

Ladies' bleached Corset Covers, short sleeve, silk taped, cheap at.....

21c

Ladies' bleached Union Suits, silk taped, full sleeve, ankle length, very interesting.....

49c

Ladies' bleached Lisle Union Suits, silk taped, knee length, lace trimmed, surprising at.....

89c

Ladies' bleached Lisle Tights, lace and embroidered, trimmed, very good.....

23c

Ladies' Lisle Drawers, lace trimmed, great.....

49c

Showing complete assortment of Ladies', Children's and Men's Underwear, at the lowest possible prices.